

August 2006

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

Leader Training Offered at District 6 Meeting - IT'S FREE!!!

Step up your ordinary 4-H training and go back to college; Leader's College that is. All 4-H parents, teens, and leaders are invited earn a few credits at the District 6 meeting on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at the Bozeman Public Library on 220 East Lamme. Agenda items will include info on the 2007 State 4-H Rec Lab, new programs in 4-H, and 4-H Leader College training from Cody Stone of the 4-H Center for Youth Development. We will also open the floor to nominations of two leaders to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of District 6 and represent us on the Montana 4-H Council. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. at the Library and the meeting concludes at 4:00 p.m. We will have a no host lunch together at a nearby restaurant. Prizes will be presented to the largest county delegation (by percentage of county leaders). District 6 includes Sweetgrass, Park, Gallatin, Broadwater, Lewis and Clark, and Meagher Counties. Please plan to attend.

Market Sale Thanks!!!

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All Our Great Parents!

All Our Generous Buyers!

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MEMBERS - PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK
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Congratulations!!!!

Congratulation all ribbon winners and participants at the 2006 Gallatin County Fair. Because of the large number of entries, we are unable to include a list of all the winners in this newsletter. You can access the winners list at our website:

www.gallatinextension.com

2006 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum

September 29-30, Missoula, MT

"Where the Mountains Meet the Sky!"

The forum promises to be an exciting combination of workshops and events. Come join us as we enjoy a gala evening event at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's new facility on Friday. Saturday's events will be at the University Center. Participants will enjoy a fantastic keynote speaker, choice between 21 different workshops, the Annual 4-H Council meeting, closing banquet, awards presentation, and an optional Duct Tape Ball with Professional Entertainment. Teen Leaders will want to check out the Workshops geared toward teen interests. The more experienced mature crowd will find workshops to their liking also!

Check out the website at: <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/4hleadershipforum/index.htm> for detailed information regarding the workshops that will be available, registration forms, sign-up deadlines and fees, forum schedules, website links for information on Missoula highlights, hotels, ideas for your duct tape ball attire and where you can get colored duct tape. You can pick up registration forms at your local Extension Office or print them off the website. For more information about the forum, please contact: Patrice Loucks by phone at 406-363-1919, or by email at: mt4hleadersforum2006@yahoo.com.

Horse Project

Horse Committee Members: Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Katie Cooper, 580-9278, Dana Adams, 587-3072; Barb Barber, 282-7030; Jeff Cooper, 388-1624.

The next Horse Committee Meeting is August 21st at 6:30 pm at the Country Corner Cafe in Four Corners.

Congratulations to all horse members who participated in the 2006 Gallatin County Fair!! Job Well Done!!!

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make Fair Week happen!! We couldn't have done it without you.

Horsemanship:

August 13th: Saddle Stars 4-H Youth Rodeo. 9:30 am. Fairgrounds. Call Sally Shea at 586-1674 or 539-7320 for Registration Information. Early Registrations Due August 5th. Events: Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Catalog Race, Flag Race, Ribbon Race, and Goat Tying. Early Registration \$4/event or \$20/day. Late Registration \$5/event or \$25/day.

The Horse Committee is looking for 3 new committee members and 2 new Junior members. If interested, please attend the Horse Committee meeting on August 21st and call Misty Radue.

Dana Hokana, featured rider in Horse & Rider Magazine, is hosting a riding clinic at Circle L Arena, September 9-10. She specializes in western seat and showing horse under saddle. Class size is very limited, \$450 for weekend to ride, or they are offering a special auditing price to 4-H members of \$15.00 per day. Please call Stina Richstmeier with any questions or to sign up for auditing @586-3510.

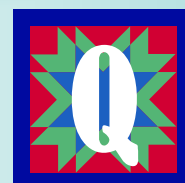
Interested in Rodeo? The BPOE Sheridan Lodge #520 is sponsoring the Elks Youth Rodeo August 26-27 at the Sheridan, WY Fairgrounds. Registration deadline is August 14th. Please contact the 4-H office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300, Belgrade, or phone 388-3213 for entry forms and information.

2006 State 4-H Horse Show *"Fire Up With 4-H"*

The 2006 State 4-H Horse Show will be held in Yellowstone County on September 15-17 at the Miller Horse Palace - Exit 437, Laurel, Montana. The Montana State Horse Show booklets are available at the Extension Office for members interested in attending. Entries are due August 26th, 2006. Entries postmarked after August 26, 2006 are considered late and will not be listed in the program. No entries will be accepted after September 5th. Contact us at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade or phone 388-3213.

Quilting Project

If you are interested in the quilting project, please contact Sandra at 388-6906 or e-mail at rocknsand@littleappletech.com



New Leadership Project being Designed for Young Teens

Are you feeling that you have outgrown your current place in 4-H. Are you searching for something more, but you're too young for all the cool stuff the teens get to do?

Well – let me introduce you to a new 4-H project being offered in Gallatin County that focuses on providing extraordinary experiences for members in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.

The new project is called Leadership 4-H, or something the new group decides on, and your involvement will prepare you for a fantastic future. In the project you will meet influential members of your community, learn how to present yourself, develop leadership skills, and gain the experience and confidence to excel.

Project members will meet once per month during the school year (skipping December) for 1 ½ hours. We will begin with a session on “What is Leadership” and progress into Team Work, Dressing for Success, Etiquette, Ethics, Group Decision Making, and community tours of key institutions. You will meet and learn from some outstanding area leaders and have the opportunity to become such a leader yourself. Our goal is to help you develop into a kid adults listen to.

So plan to join us by applying to be part of the “Leadership 4-H” project this fall. Applications will be available in late August and we can only accommodate a small group so apply early. We will hold our first meeting in early October and notify you as soon as we have the date.

We look forward to working with you this fall.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop in Circle will be September 15 and 16

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports State Training team will host a state workshop this summer. The workshop will be in Circle, September 15-16. Registration deadline is September 1. As before, all participants will be required to complete a pre-test prior to the training. This pre-test fulfills 3 needs:

- 1) Gives participants a background of Extension, 4-H and the roles of each in the Shooting Sports Program.
- 2) Gives County Extension staff an opportunity to meet new 4-H Shooting sports Leaders.
- 3) Gives new 4-H leaders a chance to find their local Extension office, and meet their County Extension Staff.

If you have any questions about the state workshop, pre-test completion, or the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program, or to pick up a registration packet, please feel free to contact the Extension office at 388-3213 or stop by at 201 W. Madison in Belgrade.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Big Brothers Big Sisters' America Reads Program. This Program is a partnership between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Bozeman, and the Belgrade school system. Volunteers come to the elementary schools in Belgrade to meet with a student twice a week for thirty minute sessions. Matches spend one-to-one time together working on academics such as reading, math and science and building positive social relationships with each other through arts and crafts projects or conversation. Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently recruiting volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year. Can you or someone you know, give one hour a week to make a positive impact in the life of a young person? If you would like to become an America Reads volunteer, or for more information about the program, contact Jennifer at 587-1216 or jenniferL@bigbrotherssisters.org

Montana 4-H Congress 2006



This year's 4-H Congress delegation, Lauren Brester, Randie Adams, Sierra Reyher, Britta Garbe, Marca Taverniti, and Robbie Chesterfield, represented Gallatin County well in several state contests. Congratulations go to Randie Adams for her blue ribbon in the state 4-H public speaking contest, to Marca Taverniti for a strong showing in the state 4-H horse judging contest, and to Sierra Reyher and Robbie Chesterfield for their competitive results in the state 4-H livestock judging contest. Britta Garbe was the female Emcee for the Thursday night formal banquet and did an outstanding job throughout the two-hour program. Lauren Brester spirit of community service was exemplary as she assisted in many state events and further contributed to the good name of Gallatin County 4-H. A special thanks to chaperons Pat Stackhouse and Julie Chaiken for their patience, good humor, and support.

Big Timber Waterslide 4-H Fun Day

A big thank you goes to Brenda Townsend of Manhattan for organizing the Big Timber Waterslide trip on Saturday, July 30th. Twenty 4-Hers attended and a good time was had by all. Thanks Brenda.



The days
of Summer
are almost
over.

Enrollments for the 2006-2007 4-H Year

We are currently accepting enrollments for the next 4-H year — the deadline to re-enroll is October 1st. Regular enrollment fees are \$15 per member - \$30 per family - \$5 per leader - \$5 per Cloverbud. Enrollments received after October 1st will be charged a \$5 late fee per member/leader. Each additional month after that will be an additional \$5 per month with a maximum of \$15.00 per member or leader. The new Clover books are in our office. You may pick up your enrollment forms and Clovers at the Gallatin County 4-H office 201 West Madison, Suite 300, Belgrade. We are in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2 (just east of the Lee & Dad's shopping center). If you have any questions call 388-3213.

Gallatin 4-H Foundations Grants:

Your Gallatin 4-H Foundation has funds available for 4-H purposes in Gallatin County. Grants may be awarded for member/leader training, new project development, existing project improvement, new club start up, community service projects and much more. Applications are available in the Extension Office and quarterly deadlines are: December 31, March 31, June 30, and **September 30.**

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp

Thank to all who made the 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp such a great success. Sixteen members and 6 chaperones attended on Wednesday, August 2nd. The day started with a tour of Animals of Montana where cloverbuds were able to pet a black bear and mountain lion kittens, see exotic animals, and many more Montana natives. We also learned that bears really like marshmallows and de-scented skunks still stink. After lunch and games at the Battle Ridge Forest Service Cabin, the group explored the trails around Fairy Lake and tested the temperature of the water. The day ended with a scavenger hunt and reflection back at the Battle Ridge Cabin. A special thanks to Brenda Townsend and Leia Miller for their planning and orchestrating of the day camp experience!



National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2006

This is the chance to start planning a great window display this year. Show pride in your 4-H club by placing a display in the window of any area business. The display should show activities and accomplishments in 4-H with pictures, awards, and fun decorations. Put up your displays during September or the first part of October. Call the 4-H office at 388-3213 and let us know by October 2 where your display is so it can be judged.



Give Us a Hand!

Are you a 4-H member 13 or over or an adult involved with the program?

If so, then give us a hand by completing a survey on Youth Engagement and Leadership in the Montana 4-H Program. Visit <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/communications/surveys.html> and click on the survey entitled Youth Engagement.



The first day
of School
is just around
the corner.

Beef & By-Products Raffle

A fundraiser of the Gallatin Valley Cattlewomen. Proceeds go toward a MSU-Bozeman Scholarship
GRAND PRIZE - ASSORTMENT OF MONTANA BEEF (10 STEAKS & 4 ROASTS & 10 lbs OF BURGER)
OTHER PRIZES - BY-PRODUCT BASKETS
\$1.00 EACH TICKET—DRAWING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006

Do you ever stop to think about how many products that you use every day actually contain beef by-products? It is amazing. Everything from shaving cream to antifreeze, from crayons to marshmallows, from fire extinguishers to dog food is provided (in part) by a cow. Come to learn more and see the four By-Product Baskets you could win on display at the Cattlewomen's booth during the Potato Days in Manhattan! Stop by the Gallatin County Extension Office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300, Belgrade (just east of the Lee & Dad's shopping center) to buy your tickets.

Montana earns Top Gun Award

From Belgrade News

REDMOND, Ore. — Fourteen junior air rifle and air pistol shooters represented the Montana Rifle and Pistol Association at the 2006 NRA National Air Gun Championship in Redmond, Ore. July 4-9. Youth shooters earned their spots on the state air rifle and pistol teams at sectional matches held in February. In the sporter rifle event, the Montana Rifle and Pistol Association took the gold medal with a score of 4,257. The US Marine Corp Team from New Mexico's La Cueva High School placed second with 4195. The Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association placed third with 4119. **PJ Snider** from the Montana Rifle & Pistol Association placed first overall in sporter with a grand aggregate of 1087. Rustin Ault of the Preston High School Army JROTC Dept. team finished with 1086 for second place. Ryan Chavez of the Navy JROTC Area 9 took third place with 1080. Representing the Montana Sporter team were **PJ Snider from Bozeman**, Tempe Regin from Superior, Josie Evanson from Kalispell, and **Max Kinna from Belgrade**. **Brook Kinna, from Belgrade**, shot in the alternate position. In the individual awards, **Snider** brought home a first place overall, a first place medal for Match One and a third place medal for Match Two. Regin earned a third place medal in the Jr. division age group, an eighth place medal for Match One and a first place medal for Match Two. **Max Kinna** earned an eighth place medal and Emerson a 10th place medal in Match Two. **Snider**, Regin and **Max Kinna** all earned spots on the International Sporter Air Rifle Pistol Team. The Montana Air Pistol team brought home the bronze medal with a score of 2,060. Placing first and second were Massachusetts (2,075) and North Dakota (2,085) state teams. Representing Montana's Pistol Team were **Michelle Everett from Belgrade and Lauren Brester and Elisa Snider from Bozeman**. **Julie Kallenbach from Bozeman** was the alternate. Individually, **Brester** earned the silver in the Intermediate Jr. Division, and **Everett** earned a bronze. Representing Montana's Precision Air Rifle Team were Walker Quiram and Ryan Roark of Whitefish, Benn Kiljonen of Great Falls, and **Nicole McAdams of Belgrade**. **Everett** was the alternate. The precision team placed 11th. The Ohio, Washington, and Virginia teams placed first, second and third, respectively. Montana brought home the Top Gun Award for the third consecutive year. Top Gun is given to the state that has the highest total score in sporter, precision and pistol.

Gallatin County Impressive in National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports members will be remembered across the country for their outstanding showing at National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship held in Rapid City, South Dakota June 26-29. In a first ever appearance at the national shoot, Montana teams took home the gold medal in every event they entered which included air rifle, air pistol, and archery. As members of the winning teams, Gallatin County 4-H members, Lauren Brester, Elisa Snider, and PJ Snider each put up the nation's best individual scores. Michelle Everett of Belgrade placed 4th in the nation as an individual in .22 rifle. Congratulations on a great tournament.

2007 NILE Merit Heifer Program (A live animal scholarship)



The purpose of the project is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to project participants chosen on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 13-17, who is a 4-H or FFA member may enter. Entries are not limited to Montana. Entries will be made in the form of an application, (think of this as applying for a live animal scholarship) with a deadline of September 15, 2006. Project participants will be selected by October 1, 2006, will be recognized at the NILE Stock Show on October 1, 2006 and will make delivery arrangements for their heifers in December 2006.

Each program participant will own their calf jointly with NILE until the completion of the program, at which time NILE officials will sign off and the participant will take full ownership of the heifer and her offspring. During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the Nile Stock Show (October 2007). The program is completed after the heifer is determined bred, all record keeping has been completed and the heifer has been shown at the 2007 NILE. Note: participants will **not** sell their program animals at NILE, the purpose of this program is to help the participant start his or her own cattle herd.

2006 Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Judges' School Sponsored by Washington State and Oregon State Universities Oct 6-8, 2006 Red Lion and TRAC, Pasco, Washington

What is a horse judges' school?

The 2006 Pacific Northwest 4-H Horse Judges' School brings together judges, prospective judges, and 4-H leaders who want to learn more about 4-H horse judging and the development of youth in the 4-H program.

What can you expect from the PNW 4-H Horse Judges' School?

- Have the opportunity to learn and refine your skills in both English and Western riding, inclusive of fitting and showing, equitation, pleasure, games, trail, driving, jumping, etc.
- Focus on youth horse shows as an educational event
- Learn about 4-H youth horse programs, have the opportunity to be a potential horse judge
- Observe show classes and show ring procedures
- Develop the skills necessary to evaluate 4-H horse competitions
- Learn the educational role of judges in the 4-H horse programs of the Northwest
- Meet with 4-H horse judges from throughout the Northwest
- Have the opportunity to be placed on the Oregon-Washington 4-H Horse Judges' Horse Show Apprenticeship Program list

Upon completion of the training and testing program, you will be placed on a preferred Oregon and Washington 4-H Horse Judges' list. Registration fee for the 3-day Horse Judges' School is \$250.00 (registration must be postmarked by September 1, 2006). Registration fee includes official 2006 PNW 4-H Horse Judges' Notebook, break refreshments on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; Lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; and Banquet Saturday. Registrations postmarked after September 1, 2006 will be \$275.00. Additional official Notebooks will be available for \$50.00 each. Spouse or guests registration is \$100.00. **NO REFUNDS OR REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 25, 2006. Further information will be mailed out after receipt of registration. Contact Tiffany Boswell for information or with questions. (You may leave her a message 24 hours a day.) home: 509-335-4128 e-mail: tiffany_boswell@wsu.edu. Contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 for registration form.**

**Award Form
Gallatin County 4-H**

Member Awards: Beginning – 9-10 years old Junior - 11-13 years old Senior - 14 – 19 years old

Member or Leader Nominated: _____ **Date:** _____

Award Nominated For: _____

Club: _____

If Member; Age: _____ **If Leader; enter age at your own risk:** _____

Please describe why you believe the member or leader named above is deserving of a County 4-H Award.

Briefly describe the member or leader's involvement in the project, workshop, or any other activities pertaining to this award.

Please submit this award application, along with the member's record book, to the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office on or before Monday, **August 21, 2006**

RECORD BOOK COMPLETION CHECK SHEET

You have an important responsibility. Your job, as a record book reviewer, is to check each record book turned in for completeness, **NOT TO JUDGE IT ON QUALITY!** Young people and adults have both made it clear--they do not want record books to be used as the sole source of documentation for project awards selection. Instead, counties are encouraged to use interviews and a simple nomination form as a basis for determining award winners.

Your job is simply to review each book to determine whether it has met the minimum qualifications for being "**COMPLETE.**"

If the record book is NOT complete, each youngster has one month to work again on his/her record and bring it up to the minimum standards for completeness. Every completed record book should be affixed with a "Gold Seal of Excellence" sticker or similar recognition.

Leader's Checklist - Criteria for a Complete 4-H Record

- _____ enroll in and complete at least one project
- _____ identify and achieve at least 3 goals for the 4-H year
- _____ submit your book which includes, as a minimum, the "My 4-H Year" form, followed by the Project and Financial Journal, and if an animal is owned, the Animal Journal. You may include others things to personalize your book (e.g. photos, articles, ribbons, memorabilia).
- _____ complete all sections of the "My 4-H Year" journal form.
- _____ participate in at least 3 additional learning activities during the 4-H year and record them in your journal (e.g. speeches, demonstrations, judging, public presentations, etc.)
- _____ list any awards and honors received--both 4-H and other
- _____ complete the Project & Financial Journal for each project in which you are enrolled
- _____ if an animal is owned, keep records for it in the Animal Journal according to the type of project carried (e.g. breeding, market, companion animal, other)

It's that simple. If the record book you review meets each of these criteria, affix a "gold Seal of Excellence" and sign your name to the first page on the form "My 4-H Year."

All Record Books must be turned into the 4-H office by **August 21** along with any Award Nominations. (Use enclosed Award's Application Form)

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ATTENTION - MEMBERS & LEADERS

MEMBERS: Your record books are due to your CLUB LEADER OR PROJECT LEADER by Tuesday, August 15th. Don't forget to fill in your fair activities.

LEADERS: Please review record books from your 4-H members and attach a gold seal (available at the office) if the record book is complete. If you are nominating a 4-H member for an award, please turn in their award application and the 4-H members record book to the office by August 21st. Use enclosed form (copy as needed).

AWARDS: 4-H members may be nominated by their project leader, club leader, fellow 4-H member, parent, or themselves. Awards are available in all project areas, community service, club leadership, and overall involvement. Please nominate any member you think deserves some recognition. All nominees will receive a certificate of honorable mention. You may also nominate leaders and the awards committee will match their nomination with the appropriate award. There is an award nomination form included in this mailing. Award nominations must be in the 4-H office on or before August 21st. The awards committee will meet and make final decisions. All awards will be announced at the awards dinner in September.



AWARDS BANQUET -

We're celebrating another great year of 4-H with an Awards Dinner

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE AWARDS BANQUET TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER. WATCH YOUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR DATE AND TIME. THE COST TO ATTEND WILL BE \$3.00 PER PERSON, \$15.00 FAMILY MAX.

WE ARE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE!!!!

HAVEN'T FOUND OUR NEW OFFICE LOCATION YET? CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT THE OFFICE LOOKS LIKE?

ALL THE DETAILS ARE STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES (WHICH DAY IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER, WHAT TIME, ARE WE HAVING FOOD....). CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL THE DETAILS LATER IN THE MONTH OR CALL US AT 388-3213.